

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 14 and 17-19 are pending.

All pending claims stand rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Czysczewski (6867876).

Rule 131 Declaration

The Examiner has again rejected the Rule 131 Declaration of the inventors, arguing the Declaration does not establish invention of the claimed subject matter. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the detailed remarks explaining the Examiner's position. As detailed below, however, the Examiner's position is based on an incorrect interpretation of the pertinent user interface.

The Examiner argues at page 5 of the pending Action that Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure (Exhibit 1 to the Declaration) does not show multiple duplicator selections that, when two selections are made, a single icon selection simultaneously initiates duplication tasks on each of two duplicators. The Examiner states:

According to fig. 1 of the Exhibit, there are a plurality of icons; however, each of the selectable icons does not represent a different duplicator as claimed by the Applicants. For example, claim 1 recites "a user interface comprising a simultaneous display of a plurality of first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator. . . "; from fig. 3 of the specification filed 08/31/01, at least two printers/duplicators are selected by selecting/clicking the checkbox/checkmark/radio buttons 304 and 320 (also see page 9, paragraph [0030] of the specification). According to fig. 1 of the Exhibit and fig. 3 of the specification, fig. 1 of the Exhibit has only one printer/duplicator to be selected in comparison with fig. 3 of the specification and claim 1, which clearly represents more than one printers/duplicators can be selected as destinations. Moreover, the paragraph above fig. 1 of the Exhibit clearly shows "the checkbox" or "this checkbox" that means there is only one printer/duplicator can be checked/unchecked/selected. Both the Exhibit (fig. 1) and the claimed invention representing in fig. 3 of the specification deal with the printer or printers but both of them are not exactly having the similar printing functionalities; therefore, the Exhibit is not supporting the claimed invention (e.g., claim 1).

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the error in the Examiner's analysis is to compare the user interface of Fig. 1 in the Invention Disclosure (Exhibit 1 to the Declaration) and the user interface of Fig. 3 in the Application, but ignoring the bottom

part of Fig. 3 that displays icons for the HP Laserjet 8150 mfp so that the two user interfaces are nearly identical. The top part of each user interface displays selectable icons for a first duplicator -- the "HP Digital Workplace Copier" in Fig. 1/Exhibit 1 and the "HP LaserJet Copier" in Fig. 3. Each copier is identified by name in the upper left hand corner of the display. The selectable icons for the first duplicator in both figures include Copies, Reduce-Enlarge, Contrast and Copy Quality. The HP LaserJet Copier is designated MFP 104 in Fig. 3. The HP Digital Workplace Copier in Fig. 1/Exhibit 1 is set to make 1 text copy at 100% Reduce-Enlarge. The HP Digital LaserJet Copier in Fig. 3 is set to make 1 photo quality copy at 100% Reduce-Enlarge.

The bottom part of each user interface displays selectable icons for a second duplicator -- an "HP 2000C Printer" in both figures. The selectable icons for the second duplicator include "I want to print to another printer", Name and Color. The HP 2000C Printer in Fig. 1/Exhibit 1 and Fig. 3 are each set to make a color copy.

The selectable icons for the first and second duplicators correspond to the "first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator" recited in Claim 1.

Each user interface display also includes a Start Copy icon. The function of the Start Copy icon is described in the Specification at paragraph 0033 as follows:

Once all of the duplication network resources and respective tasks for each duplicator have been selected for each menu item upon user interface menu 300, the user then actuates these duplicators to commence duplication as per the selected respective tasks, such as by point and clicking upon menu selection 334 seen in Fig. 3 with the label "Start Copy". ***The result of this actuation of menu selection 334 will be the actuation of the initially selected task for MFP 104 and simultaneously therewith the actuation of the selected tasks in task dialog boxes 314, 332 for duplicator network resources 306, 322.***
(emphasis added)

The highlighted portion of the text makes it clear that two things happen when the Start Copy icon is selected -- (1) actuation of the selected task for the HP LaserJet Copier/MFP 104 in Fig. 3 and the HP Digital Workplace Copier in Fig. 1/Exhibit 1 (the first duplicator) and (2) actuation of the selected task for the HP 2000C Printer/resource 306 (the second duplicator). In the language of Exhibit 1, the Start Copy selection performs a "host initiated device copy" in which the copy/scan data from the first

duplicator is sent directly to the second duplicator (when the "I want to copy to another printer" box is checked) without being routed through a host computer. The Start Copy icon at the bottom of the user interface corresponds to the "second selectable icon that when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable icons" recited in Claim 1.

The Examiner is also urged to again review the full discussion mapping the claim elements to the Invention Disclosure from the Response To The Office Action Mailed March 26, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Rule 131 Declaration and supporting documentation does in fact establish invention of the subject matter recited in the independent claims and is, therefore, sufficient to remove Czyszcwski as a prior art reference.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the pending Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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